## NCDOT to Host Public Hearing for Proposed Construction of a Rail Connector in Pembroke

TIP Project No. P-4900

Robeson County

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed project to construct a 1.5-mile CSXT Rail Connector between CSXT "A" north-south line and CSXT "SE" east-west line on the northeast side of Pembroke in Robeson County.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 100 South Chapel Road in Pembroke.

Citizens may stop by at their convenience; there will not be a formal presentation. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments. Written comments or questions can also be submitted at the meeting or later by June 3, 2014.

The purpose of the project is to provide efficient movement of equipment, supplies and personnel between military facilities of Fort Bragg (Honeycutt Marshalling Yard, Fort Junction), CSTX's rail yards and port facilities of North Carolina State Port of Wilmington and the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point (MOTSU). In addition the project would reduce the number of freight trains traveling through Pembroke. The Environmental Assessment was approved in March 2014.

Additional right-of-way acquisition and the relocation of homes and businesses will be required for this project. Right-of-way acquisition is tentatively scheduled to begin this fall.

A map showing the design and a copy of the approved Environmental Assessment are available for public review at the following locations:

- NCDOT Division Office located at 872 N.C. 711, Lumberton;
- Town of Pembroke Manager's office at 100 South Chapel Road, Pembroke; and
- Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina at 6984 N.C. 711, Pembroke.

The maps are also available online at <a href="http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/">http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/</a>.

For additional information, contact Anamika Laad, NCDOT - Human Environment Section, 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, 27699-1598, by phone (919) 707-6072, by fax (919) 212-5785, or by email <a href="mailto:alaad@ncdot.gov">alaad@ncdot.gov</a>.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Laad as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

NCDOT will provide interpretive services upon request for persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English. Kindly request it prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.